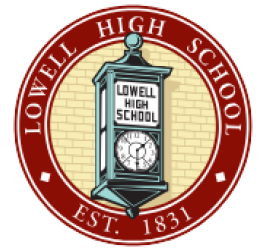




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To: Dr. James Hall, Chief Schools Officer
From: Michael Fiato, Head of School
Date: October 12, 2023
Re: [Motion by Stacey Thompson]:

Motion to receive definitive information regarding the status of the hiring process at the high school, specifically to address student inability to use/access bathrooms on each floor.

Our foremost concern lies in balancing the individual needs of our students with the imperative of maintaining a secure and well-organized learning environment. In the initial weeks of the academic year, our administrative team and security personnel have diligently strived to establish a safe and controlled atmosphere, all the while seeking to maintain restrooms with as much accessibility as possible. According to our existing plan, there are no anticipated obstacles regarding restroom access that would hinder student usage. It is important to note that restroom accessibility is not dependent on any ongoing hiring requirements or staffing issues. Presently, there are two vacant positions, neither of which entail direct responsibilities or relevance to the provision of support or oversight for restroom facilities. We continue to strive to uphold the accessible availability of restroom facilities in a safe, fair and equitable way across the entire campus.

Lowell High School Restroom

Freshman Academy:

- Low 700s - boys and girls
- High 700s - boys and girls
- 800s - boys and girls
- FA Main Office
- FA Nurse's Office
 - All bathrooms in the Freshman Academy are open throughout the day and monitored by FA staff in order to ensure that students are able to access bathrooms in an orderly and safe environment.

1922 Building:

- Basement - available for faculty and staff

- First Floor - boys and girls main entrance area, boys cross corridor, girls Coburn Hall
- Second Floor - boys cross corridor, girls Coburn Hall, faculty bathrooms
- Third Floor - boys and girls cross corridor, gender neutral student bathroom

1980s Building:

- 400s - boys and girls (*there are no classrooms in this section of the school*)
Accessible exclusively during lunch hours, given its proximity to the cafeteria
- 500s - boys and girls
- 600s - faculty bathrooms only

Gymnasium:

- Locker rooms - boys and girls
- Gymnasium - boys and girls